



Nuckolls County Board Minutes



February 19, 2013 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NUCKOLLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, February 19, 2013 in the Board Meeting Room at the Courthouse, Nelson, Nebraska, per recess of February 11, 2013. Combs, Brown and Corman present for the meeting. The agenda of said meeting was remitted to board members in advance of the meeting and is posted in the County Clerk's office and on the County Website. Combs announced the 'Open Meetings Act Law' as posted in the Commissioners Board Meeting Room and handouts are available.

The board reconvened at 9:02 a.m. Chairman Combs approved the February 11, 2013 minutes as submitted.

Gary Warren, Highway Superintendent and Cindy Buescher, Executive Secretary met with the Board to update them on the current activities of the County Road Department. Discussion held regarding weather a closed road could be re-opened. The Board did not want to proceed with the idea of opening a closed road. Discussion on denying a right of access to a property, a permanent easement is the best option. Warren noted the Oak shop bathroom is complete except for the painting. The Hardy shop bathroom has been started and they hope to have the sewer line buried and completed before the winter storm comes this week. They found an old septic system and had that filled in and buried. Warren updated the board on projects they are working on in the Nelson shop. Warren submitted current pictures of the progress on Project C-65(302) located in Nelson Precinct. The Road Department is preparing for the snow storm that is being predicted for this week. Buescher noted they had received the new copier. The Board addressed some issues they have in their areas for roads.

An Executive Session was requested for personnel reasons to negotiate the salary for the Highway Superintendent. The three Board members and Warren were present for the Session. **A motion was made by Corman and seconded by Combs to go into Executive Session at 9:19 a.m. for Personnel reasons to negotiations. Combs, Brown and Corman all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Corman to leave Executive Session at 9:35 a.m. to re-enter regular session. Combs, Brown and Corman all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.

Susan Rogers, County Assessor met with the Board to submit the proposed 2013 Ag land values. Rogers noted the Irrigated values increase 8%, Dry land values increased 9%, Grass land increased 5% and shelter belt/timber increased 15%. Rogers also submitted the values for Clay, Webster, Fillmore and Hamilton Counties for comparison. Rogers noted they may need to separate the irrigated land in the Lower Republican NRD to accommodate the values.

Rogers also submitted a request from Verizon to have the Board approve updates to the Verizon cell tower north of Nelson to accommodate to 4G technology. It was noted to have the County Attorney review and to put on the agenda for the 25th.

Kassebaum informed the Board that an additional \$3,837.35 was received from the Little Blue NRD for additional funds awarded from the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants Program made available from the scrap tire recycling project held in August 2012.

Tim Stutzman, Emergency Manager met briefly with the Board to give them an update on the weather for this week. Stutzman noted that by Wednesday afternoon we would be receiving moisture and will continue until late Thursday. We could receive anywhere from 8 to 18 inches of snow, depending on the warm air coming up from the south. This could potentially be a very large snow storm for this area.



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Derek Clark, City of Superior Zoning Administrator met with the Board to give them an update on the 8th Street Bridge in Superior. Speece Lewis was contracted to be the Construction Engineer for the project. Clark noted the utilities would be buried instead of moving poles. Clark noted that the City will also need to do a Resolution for Relaxation of Standards for this project. They are also getting ready to start tree removal this week. Clark noted they had received the signed agreement from the State Department of Roads. Discussion was held regarding a fire hydrant on the east side of the bridge and whether they need to have it relocated. No decision on this at this time.

Clark also discussed the Annexation project for the City of Superior. The City is planning on annexing an area south of Superior. It will include 1st Street. The City is still planning on implementing a TIF on this area for 15 to 20 years. The Coop is working with the Railroad and the Nebraska Department of Roads. The Annexation should be brought before the council tonight for approval. Clark suggested that the County could write a letter of support for the project. **A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Corman to allow the Chairman to sign a letter of support. Combs, Brown and Corman all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

Carrie Miller, Safety Committee Member met with the Board to submit a copy of the approved December 19, 2012 safety committee minutes and the unofficial safety committee minutes for January 17, 2013 also the reports for the last meeting. Miller also submitted a copy of a memo that was drafted to inform employees of an anonymous safety form for a suggestion box. The suggestion box will be put in accessible areas and they will also supply an envelope that is addressed to the Emergency Manager for issues to be addressed.

Gary Warren, Highway Superintendent and Cindy Buescher, Executive Secretary met with the Board to review the projects listed on the proposed 1&6 Year Plan. Warren supplied a map of the county showing the completed projects for this year, a county map showing the projects for the 1 year plan and also a map for the 6 year plan. Warren reviewed each project with a brief description. The completed projects numbered 19, the new 1 year projects numbered 32 with 6 of them being new projects and the 6 year projects numbered 30 with 4 of those projects being new. The Board did not have any corrections. No decision was made at this time. The Public Hearing is set for February 25, 2013 at 9:15 a.m.

The following salary claims were approved:

General Fund Salaries:	\$57,792.07
Road Fund Salaries:	\$39,410.98
Civil Defense Fund Salary:	\$ 2,330.00
911 Emergency Fund Salary:	\$ 400.00

There being no further business the meeting was recessed at 12:05 p.m. until Monday, February 25, 2013.

Michael D. Combs, Chairman

By: Jackie L. Kassebaum, County Clerk